

CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY, CHUCK TURNER & SAM YOON

Mattapan Community Health Center

WHEREAS:

Rock the Boat is Mattapan Community Health Center's signature Fundraising Gala,

which began in 1997; and

WHEREAS:

Mattapan Community Health Center, which was established in 1972, is a comprehensive health delivery organization that serves individuals from the Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury and Hyde Park neighborhoods of Boston, as well as

from adjacent Boston suburbs like Brockton, Randolph and Stoughton; and

WHEREAS:

Mattapan Community Health Center was one of the first health centers in the country to receive federal funding under the Carter Urban Health Initiative; today the federal grant remains a major source of funding to support the Center's health services for the

underinsured and underserved populations; and

WHEREAS:

Mattapan Community Health Center has four major initiatives to increase access and decrease health disparities. They are **Capital Expansion Project** - an initiative for a new health center facility in Mattapan; **Rock the Boat** - the Center's fundraising gala; **Vitamin D Awareness** - an initiative to enhance primary care and preventive health services; and **Health Care Revival** - a faith-based, data-driven, community outreach initiative that brings the community together to talk about its health; and

WHEREAS:

The goals of **Rock the Boat** are to raise funds to support the health center's work, to recruit new friends for the Community Health Center Movement and to increase visibility of the Health Center; and

WHEREAS:

The Health Center has raised more than \$2 million since 1997; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates the entire staff, including Dr. Azzie Young, President and CEO of the Mattapan Community Health Center, for the important services that you provide to residents in the City of Boston.

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By:

President of the City Council

Attest:

Here of the City of Boston

Offered by:

Date:

April 29, 2009